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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>RR-577 PCT/US</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/NO 2003/000234</b>		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>107520297</b>
INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>4 July 2003</b>		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>5 July 2002</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>METHOD, SYSTEM, REVERSE VENDING MACHINE AND USE THEREOF FOR HANDLING EMPTY PACKAGING</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Anders JØRGENSEN</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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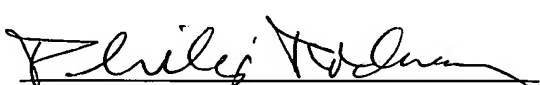
20. ☒ Other documents or information include the following:
- a) PCT International Search Report, *dated February 18, 2004*;
  - b) PCT Written Opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority *dated March 22, 2004*;
  - c) PCT Published International Application No. WO 2004/032071 A1, *dated April 15, 2004*;
  - d) PCT Written Opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority *dated September 21, 2004*;
  - e) PCT International Preliminary Report on Patentability, *dated October 11, 2004*; and,

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21. The following fees are submitted:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee.....				\$	300
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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	\$	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				\$	2100
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.					
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				\$	2100
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<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				\$	2100
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Anders JØRGENSEN  
Serial No. : Group Art Unit:  
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Title : **METHOD, SYSTEM, REVERSE VENDING  
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**SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS**

Sir:


Applicant hereby submits the formal drawings for this application, consisting of Figs. 1-7 on 5 sheets of drawings.

Confirmation that the enclosed Figs. 1-7 satisfy the requirements for formal drawings is respectfully requested.

Dated: December 30, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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